



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Senior Affairs Advisory Board (SAAB) Minutes Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Meeting was called to order at 11:15 a.m.

Members Present: Millie Acasio, Dolli Cutler, Sam Duran, John Patrick Ford, Floyd Willis, Cheryl Wilson, Sharon McColl **Not present:** Rudy Fernandez, William Liu, Leane Marchese, Rosemary White-Pope **Staff Present:** Diana Gray **Guests:** Tom Brown, Grover Diemert, Susan Ferguson, Noelle Dorman, Alannah Sinclaire, Jeanette Van

Minutes of June 2, 2004 and September 1, 2004 were approved with a modification to show Rudy Fernandez as absent.

SAAB Membership was discussed and time was devoted to the selection of a chair. Recommendations for possible candidates were discussed. A recommendation was put forward to possibly consider having a co-chair to shoulder the responsibility of chairing the SAAB board. At this point, there are several names that have been placed on the table for consideration and the names will be passed on to the Mayor's Office or have yet to go forward.

Board Mission, Goals, and Objectives: In December 2004, members of the board met to establish a mission statement and to develop goals and objectives related to the same mission statement. The death of B.J. Curry Spitler, the chairperson, and the subsequent resignations of three members due to personal obligations, impeded the effectiveness of the board. The board has been tasked with addressing questions of replacement for both the chair and board member vacancies. With the addition of three new members, recommendations are going forward to address the board chair vacancy.

Old Business: Tabled until next month's board meeting: a) Housing Task Force; b) Seniors Ride Free; c) Transportation Survey; and d) Web Site.

New Business: The board discussed the visibility and effectiveness of the SAAB board with the Mayor and City Council. It was determined that a credible presence within the City is needed in order for the board to be able to be effective in impacting a myriad of issues critical to the quality of life of San Diego's Senior citizens. Suggestions for creating and maintaining high visibility included the following: Report to Council twice a year (formal presentations) and review budget issues as they impact seniors.

The Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, November 3, 2004

Chairperson: Acting (TBA)

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